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OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1958

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NORTHALLERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District Council :

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the health of the district for the year 1958.

The vital statistics for the district are very similar to those for England and Wales with the exception of the infantile mortality and stillbirth rates which are considerably higher. In small populations, however, it is wise not to attach undue importance to statistics since they are liable to fluctuate widely from year to year.

During the year there was an almost complete absence of notifiable infectious diseases.

In the field of environmental hygiene, the emphasis now lies on the provision of sewerage and sewage disposal facilities in the outlying villages. By the end of the year, the scheme for Appleton Wiske had been submitted to the Ministry and schemes were being prepared for Ainderby Steeple, Morton-on-Swale, Borrowby, East Cowton and Great Smeaton. When a water-borne sewerage system is provided, it is important for the Council to ensure that privy conversions follow rapidly until there are no houses without water closets in the area served by the particular scheme. I must stress once again that these schemes are now urgently required following the completion of the district water supply scheme.

Only slow progress can be reported in dealing with the unfit houses in the district. A total of nine houses were either demolished, closed or converted to other uses during the year.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation to the Members and Officials of the Council for the help and support I have received from them during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN L. COTTON,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(*a*) General Statistics.

Area (in acres)	63,512
Population (Registrar-General's Estimate of Resident Population in mid-year 1958)	8,650
Population (1931 census)	7,683
Population (1951 census)	8,484
Net increase of Resident Population (mid 1957—mid 1958)	20
Number of inhabited houses (1951)	2,458
Number of inhabited houses (1958)	2,850
Rateable value of district (April, 1959)	£77,207
Estimated product of 1d. Rate (March, 1959) ..	£285

(*b*) Vital Statistics.

	North-allerton R.D.	England and Wales
Live births	147	
Live birth rate per 1,000 population ..	17·0	16·4
Stillbirths	7	
Stillbirths rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths ..	45·5	21·4
Total live and stillbirths	154	
Infant deaths	5	
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births— ..		
total	34·0	22·6
legitimate	14·2	
illegitimate	500	
Neo Natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	27·2	16·2
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	4·26	
Maternal deaths (including abortion) ..	0	
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	0	

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis	0	0	0
Other infectious and parasitic diseases ..	1	0	1
Malignant disease	9	4	13
Cardio-vascular	28	33	61
Pneumonia	2	2	4
Other respiratory diseases	0	1	1
Digestive diseases	0	1	1
Congenital malformations	0	0	0
Other diseases	4	7	11
Motor vehicle accidents	0	0	0
Other accidents	2	1	3
Suicide	1	0	1
TOTAL DEATHS (ALL CAUSES)	47	49	96

Death rate per 1,000 population — 11·1
Death rate for England and Wales— 11·7

POPULATION TREND.

	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952
Population (Mid-year) ..	8,650	8,630	8,580	8,520	8,510	8,484	8,402
Birth rate ..	17·0	16·3	15·8	16·4	14·8	15·5	17·2
Death rate ..	11·1	10·7	10·8	11·5	12·2	10·5	10·7

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises persons who are not able to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE IN THE AREA.

The details of the staff are given at the beginning of the report.

Laboratories Facilities.

Laboratories facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

Ambulance Facilities.

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station in Brompton Road, Northallerton.

Hospital Facilities.

Local Hospital accommodation is provided in the area by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board.

In addition a considerable number of residents in the area are treated in Darlington and Middlesbrough hospitals.

Nursing in the Homes.

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council with day to day administration dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Sub-Committee through the Area Medical Officer. The staff operating in the Northallerton Rural District comprises five District Nurse/Midwives and one health visitor.

Domestic Help Service.

This is provided by the County Council, the day to day administration again being dealt with by the Area Sub-Committee through the Area Medical Officer. A whole-time equivalent of 1·93 homehelps was employed in the area and a total of 4,406 hours was worked during the year assisting 23 households.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supplies.

Details are to found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION D.

Housing.

4 houses were completed by the Council during the year and 6 were under construction at the end of the year. In order for the slum clearance programme to proceed, the Council will have to build for this purpose. It is regretted that no new houses are proposed for 1959 with the exception of 8 bungalows at Romanby. Since many of the old people in the district live in unfit houses, the building of bungalows particularly in the villages might well be the best method of rehousing and at the same time of dealing with the unfit houses.

Of the unfit houses in the district, 9 were either demolished, closed or converted to uses other than housing. It is hoped that it will be possible to report a speeding up of slum clearance in next year's report.

SECTION E.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious diseases notified	Males	Females	Total
Measles	3	4	7
Pnuemonia	0	1	1
Tuberculosis	1	1	2

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The following figures indicate the immunisation state of the child population in the area of the Wensleydale Local Health Sub-Committee in which the Northallerton Rural District is included.

Age Group	Immunised
0–4 years	51%
5–14 years	91%

The percentage immunised in the pre-school group could be raised with advantage and every effort must be made to increase the number of children immunised in this group. Ideally this should be done in the first year of life and parents are strongly urged to have this done either by their own doctor or at the local child welfare clinic.

Smallpox Vaccination.

49% of the children born during the year have been vaccinated against smallpox (31% in 1956).

The rate of smallpox vaccination is still too low. Reactions to vaccination are minimal in the first year of life and parents are asked to consult their own doctor about having their children vaccinated when about two or three months old.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

A large proportion of your Medical Officer's time during the year was spent on poliomyelitis vaccination. By the end of the year, 5,408 children aged under 15 years in the Wensleydale Local Health Area (of which the Northallerton Rural District is part) had been vaccinated with two injections. This figure represents some 66% of all the children under 15 years of age compared with 31% in 1957.

In addition some 508 older persons had also received two injections and 2,282 children and adults had received a third injection.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Group	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 1 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1–4 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5–14 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15–24 ..	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
25–34 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35–44 ..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45–54 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55–64 ..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 plus ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals ..	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

There were 20 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and no cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis on the register as at the 31st December, 1958. This gives a rate of 2·31 cases of tuberculosis per 1,000 population as compared with 2·80 in 1957.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR for the year 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the Northallerton Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report for the year ended 1958.

General Sanitary Work.

406 inspection and 349 reinspections of premises were made under the Public Health and Housing Acts. 198 Informal Notices were served upon the owner/occupier of premises in respect of nuisances occurring thereon.

14 Statutory Notices were served.

Analysis of Inspections, 1958.

Under Public Health and Housing Acts	406
Inspection of Council Houses	924
Interviews with Owners and Builders	331
Tents, Vans and Sheds	26
Verminous Premises	1
Total Inspection of Housing Conditions	1,688
Private Slaughterhouses	370
Bakehouses	5
Milk Retailers	8
Ice Cream Sellers	10
Fried Fish Shops	4
Food Preparing Rooms	10
Food Premises	30
Total Inspections with regard to Food	437
Investigations of Complaints	364
Drain Tests	90
Rat Inspections	508
Factories and Workshops	35
Water Supplies	601
Water Samples (Bact.)	24
,, (Chem.)	0
Rivers and Streams	25
Building Construction Inspections	349
Sewage Works Inspections	110
Refuse Tip Inspections	50
Total of other Inspections	2,156
Grand total of Inspections	4,281

Summary of Sanitary Improvements, 1958.

Repairs to Roofs		18
,, ,, Walls, Pointing, etc.		22
,, ,, Fallpipes and Eaves gutters		18
,, ,, Chimneys, Firegrates and Ovens		33
,, ,, Windows and Doors		21
,, ,, Floors		31
,, ,, Staircases		15
,, ,, Yard Surfaces		50
,, ,, and improvements to House Drains		70
,, ,, Coalhouses and Wash houses		10
Damp conditions remedied		43
Dirty and verminous houses cleaned		2

Water Supplies.

Insufficient supplies improved		30
Burst pipes and taps repaired		38
Internal supplies provided		21
Pumps repaired		—
Wells cleaned		—

Sanitary Conveniences.

W.C.'s and Yard Gullies cleansed		30
Pan Closets and Ashpits abolished		56
New Water Closets provided		76
Dust Bins provided and renewed		68
Setpots provided		—

Drainage.

Obstructed drains and sewers cleaned		169
New sinks provided		71
Systems improved		55
Cesspools and Septic Tanks emptied—Council	76	
Private	21	
	—	97
Water Courses cleaned		10
New Septic Tank		46

Shops and Food Premises.

New Food Preparation Apparatus	4
Walls, Floors, Ceilings, Cleansed and Decorated	4
Towels provided	4
Hot Water	2

Factories.

W.C.'s Repaired	3
Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments Repaired Cleansed and Painted	3
Walls, Floors and Ceilings of Sanitary Compartments Cleansed only	—
New Lighting (to closets)	3

General

Nuisances caused by keeping Animals abated	2
TOTAL ..	1,125

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	28	30	3	Nil	2
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority excluding out-workers' premises	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3
Total		28	30	3	Nil	

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(if defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more " cases ").

Particulars	M/c line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	M/c line No.
		Found	Remedied	Referred			
				To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Want of cleanliness (S. 1.)	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	4
Overcrowding (S. 2.)	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3.) ..	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4.)	7	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6.) ..	8	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7.)							
(*a*) insufficient	9	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	9
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective	10	3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	10
(*c*) Not separate for sexes	11	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	12
Total ..		3	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	

Factories with power.

Year 1958.

Ainderby Steeple	1
Borrowby	2
Brompton	5
East Cowton	1
East Harlsey	1
Kiplin	1
Osmotherley	6
Romanby	10
Great Smeaton	1
	28

Trades.

Builders	8
Cloth Manufacturers	1
Bakers	2
Motor Repair Shops	11
Blacksmiths	3
Milk and Milk Products Manufacturers ..	1
Cold Stores	1
Sawmills	2
Millers	2
Sand and Gravel	2
Saddlers	1
Joiners	9
	43

Housing and New Buildings.

349 visits were made to or in respect of new buildings and building under construction.

The table below gives details of houses under construction and completed since 1946 in their respective Parishes :—

By Private Enterprise.

Parish	Completed 1945 to December, 1958	Completed during 1958	Under Construction at end of 1958
Ainderby Steeple ..	5	2	1
Appleton Wiske	–	–	1
Birkby	3	–	–
Brompton	24	2	3
Borrowby	2	1	–
Cotcliffe	2	–	–
Deighton	4	1	–
Ellerbeck	1	–	–
East Harlsey	2	–	–
East Cowton	3	1	–
Hornby	1	–	–
Hutton Bonville	5	–	1
Great Langton	4	1	–
Great Smeaton	4	1	–
Kirby Sigston	2	–	–
Lazenby	2	–	–
Osmotherley	9	–	4
Over Silton	1	–	–
Nether Silton	1	–	–
Morton-on-Swale ..	6	1	1
Romanby	97	5	4
Thornton-le-Beans ..	2	1	–
Thrintoft	2	–	–
Warlaby	1	–	–
Welbury	4	–	–
West Harlsey	2	–	–
West Rounton	2	–	–
Whitwell	2	–	–
	193	16	15

By Northallerton Rural District Council.

Parish	Completed 1945 to December, 1958	Completed during 1958	Under Construction at end of 1958
Ainderby Steeple ..	4	–	–
Appleton Wiske	16	–	–
Borrowby	7	–	–
Brompton	78	4	6
Danby Wiske	2	–	–
Deighton	2	–	–
East Cowton	4	–	–
Great Langton	2	–	–
Great Smeaton	4	–	–
Hornby	2	–	–
Kirby Sigston	2	–	–
Nether Silton	2	–	–
Osmotherley	14	–	–
Ellerbeck	4	–	–
Romanby	161	–	–
Thornton-le-Beans ..	2	–	–
Yafforth	4	–	–
Welbury	2	–	–
Thrintoft	4	–	–
	316	4	6

PLANS ANALYSIS.

PLANS. 114 Plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the table.

Parish	Layout	New Buildings	Alterations to Dwellings	Garages Sheds and Greenhouses	Cowsheds & Dairies	Other Agricultural Buildings	Wash-houses coal-houses & W.C.'s	Total
Appleton Wiske ..	–	1	1	–	–	1	–	3
Ainderby Steeple ..	–	5	3	–	–	–	–	8
Brompton ..	1	5	5	3	1	–	–	15
Borrowby ..	–	–	2	–	–	1	–	3
Cowton East ..	–	–	4	–	1	–	1	6
Cowton South ..	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Crosby ..	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Danby Wiske ..	–	–	1	–	–	1	1	3
Ellerbeck ..	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	3
East Harlsey ..	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	2
Hornby ..	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	2
Hutton Bonville ..	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Kiplin ..	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Morton-on-Swale ..	–	1	2	–	–	–	–	3
Nether Silton ..	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	1
Osmotherley ..	–	2	6	2	1	–	–	11
Romanby ..	1	7	5	12	–	2	–	27
Rounton	–	2	2	–	–	–	–	4
Great Smeaton ..	–	2	2	2	–	–	–	6
Great Langton ..	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Welbury ..	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	1
Warlaby ..	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe ..	–	–	2	–	–	–	–	2
Thornton-le-Beans ..	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	2
Yafforth ..	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1
Thrintoft ..	–	–	3	–	–	1	1	5
TOTAL ..	2	27	45	22	4	9	5	114

Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere.

A. Houses Demolished.

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during quarter	
		Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ..	Nil	Nil	Nil
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc	Nil	Nil	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
Not in Clearance Areas.			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	3	2	1
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	Nil	Nil	Nil
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	Nil	Nil	Nil
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	Nil	Nil	Nil

B. Unfit Houses Closed.

	Unfit Houses closed	Displaced during year	
	Number	Persons	Families
(8) Under Section 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957	9	21	6
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil

C. Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by local authority	24	Nil
(12) After formal notice under		
(*a*) Public Health Acts	Nil	Nil
(*b*) Section 9 and 16 Housing Act, Act, 1957	Nil	Nil
(13) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957 ..	Nil	Nil

D. Unfit Houses in Temporary use (Housing Act, 1957).

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
Position at end of quarter		
(14) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(*a*) under Section 48	Nil	Nil
(*b*) under Section 17 (2)	Nil	Nil
(*c*) under Section 46	Nil	Nil
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	Nil	Nil

E. Purchase of House by Agreement.

	Number of Houses (1)	Number of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the quarter ..	Nil	Nil

Housing Acts, Improvement Grants.

The Council have continued to implement the provisions of the Acts whereby financial assistance can be made out of public funds to owners of dwelling houses carrying out defined improvements.

During the year, 43 applications were approved amounting to an estimated value of £9,060. Three quarters of the money spent on improvements is made available by the Treasury and the remaining quarter out of the local Rate Fund.

Streams and Watercourses.

Streams have been cleansed at Appleton Wiske, East Cowton, Nether Silton, Morton-on-Swale and Thrintoft.

There is a continuing incidence of pollution of the streams throughout the area and a major contributory factor is the discharge of relatively untreated sewage from villages where no sewage works exist. The Council should give high priority to sewerage and sewage disposal schemes throughout the district.

Rodent Control.

During the year, the Council were obliged to consider the re-organisation of this service. For some time past, a part-time operator had been employed to carry out duties imposed by the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, but after careful consideration and discussion with officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, it was decided that a full-time operator should be appointed to work under the Chief Public Health Inspector. The Council were mindful that the Ministry were relinquishing service contracts with agriculturists for the eradication of rats and mice and it was felt that a full-time operator would be able to make his services available to those farmers who desired them.

The full-time operator commenced duties in October and circular letters were addressed to farmers advising them that the Council were prepared to make a contract service available at negotiated terms. The initial response by farmers appears promising and it is hoped that future Reports will indicate the success of the service.

The following Table gives particulars of the work carried out during the year :—

Report to Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for 12 months ended 31st March, 1959.

		Type of Property				
		Non-Agricultural				
		(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other (inc. Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. 1, 2 and 3	(5) Agricultural
I.	Number of properties in Local Authority's District	8	2,115	116	2,239	619
II.	Number of properties inspected as a result of : (*a*) Notification	–	8	6	14	4
	(*b*) Survey under the Act ..	8	8	4	20	280
	(*c*) Otherwise (*e.g.* when visited primarily for some other purpose) ..	–	36	18	54	—
III.	Total inspections carried out including re-inspections ..	8	60	50	118	390
IV.	Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by: (*a*) Rats Major	1	–	2	3	30
	(*a*) Rats Minor ..	–	2	2	4	90
	(*b*) Mice Major ..	–	–	–	–	–
	(*b*) Mice Minor ..	–	6	4	10	10
V.	Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by the L.A. (Figures should NOT exceed those given at Sect. IV)	1	8	6	15	84
VI.	Total treatments carried out including re-treatments ..	10	8	6	24	132
VII.	Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act : (*a*) Treatment	–	–	–	–	–
	(*b*) Structural Work (*i.e.* Proofing)	–	–	–	–	–
VIII.	Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act ..	–	–	–	–	–
IX.	Legal Proceedings ..	–	–	–	–	–
X.	Number of " Block " control schemes carried out	Sewer Treatments—Osmotherley, Romanby and Brompton.				

Dwelling houses receive a free service but a charge must be made for treatments carried out on farms and business premises.

By the end of the year, contracts had been secured for 12 month terms in respect of 24 farms. The total value of the contracts was £219. The highest contract was £21, and the lowest £5 : the average contract figure being £9 2s. 6d. Non-contract treatments carried out in addition to the above, and for which the costs were recoverable, are shown under.

Farms			Other Premises		
No.	Hours	Cost	No.	Hours	Cost
		£ s. d.			£ s. d.
10	46½	28 18 0	8	8¾	20 12 5

Water Supplies.

The Council's distribution scheme comprises some 90 miles of spun cast iron mains, two main service reservoirs of 400,000 and 200,000 galls. respectively, two high level tanks with ancillary pumping stations, and one water tower. Water is taken from the headworks and filter plant of the Northallerton and District Water Board on which authority the Council have equal representation with the Northallerton Urban District Council. The water supplied is pressure filtered and chlorinated, and is of a high degree of purity.

The Council supply water to the whole of their area with the exception of the Parishes of Brompton and Romanby which are within the statutory area of supply of the Northallerton Urban District Council. Some properties in Thimbleby and Kirby Sigston take a supply from the trunk main of the Urban District Council.

24 Samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination of which 3 proved to be unsatisfactory. These were in respect of private supplies.

706,000 gallons of water were supplied to the East Rounton area in Stokesley Rural District.

The following Table shows details of houses supplied with water throughout the area :—

Parish	Domestic Properties	Houses supplied by		Private piped supply in houses or metered Cottage—Estimate (3)
		R.V. (1)	Meter (2)	
Ainderby Steeple ..	78	65	8	—
Appleton Wiske ..	118	76	19	8
Birkby	16	3	9	1
Borrowby	121	82	18	6
Brompton R.D.C. ..	550	11	—	—
Brompton U.D.C. ..	—	527	—	—
Cotcliffe	2	—	—	—
Crosby	6	—	3	—
Cowton East ..	109	75	17	5
Cowton South ..	46	4	8	20
Danby Wiske ..	69	41	21	1
Deighton	29	11	14	1
Ellerbeck	20	11	7	—
Harlsey East ..	88	53	15	15
Harsley West ..	14	4	8	2
Hornby	56	30	16	2
Hutton Bonville ..	22	5	8	2
Kiplin	22	2	2	13
Kirby Sigston R.D.C.	24	1	3	—
Kirby Sigston U.D.C.	—	17	—	—
Langton Great ..	27	20	3	—
Langton Little ..	20	6	4	10
Landmoth	6	—	4	—
Lazenby	14	8	3	—
Leake	1	—	—	1
Morton-on-Swale ..	73	49	8	8
Otterington North ..	14	1	—	11
Osmotherley ..	249	206	5	18
Romanby R.D.C. ..	631	1	—	30
Romanby U.D.C. ..	—	593	—	—
Rounton West ..	48	29	15	4
Smeaton Great ..	56	41	8	4
Smeaton Little ..	17	4	8	2
Silton Nether ..	39	28	1	10
Silton Over ..	14	7	1	6
Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe	13	2	5	3
Thrintoft	34	23	8	1
Thimbleby R.D.C. ..	24	1	3	2
Thimbleby U.D.C. ..	—	15	—	—
Thornton-le-Beans ..	53	22	14	12
Warlaby	13	7	3	—
Welbury	60	34	16	3
Whitwell	11	2	1	5
Winton	16	2	8	3
Yafforth	48	22	5	6
	2,871	2,141	299	215
		299		
		2,440		
		215		
		2,655		

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

During the year, the Council continued to operate two Karrier side-loading refuse collection vehicles, but having regard to the continued increase in house building and bearing in mind that a large part of the rural area received the refuse collection at fortnightly intervals, it was decided that a Shelvoke & Drewry Fore and Aft Tipper 16/18 cubic yards capacity, powered with a diesel engine, be acquired at an estimated cost of £2,631. The Council were advised that the acquisition of such a vehicle together with the employment of two additional labourers would secure a weekly collection over the whole of the rural area at minimum fuel costs. The re-organised service would be planned to start in the new year, when delivery of the S. & D. Tipper was made.

Efforts were made during the early part of the year to acquire sites for refuse disposal as alternatives to the Yafforth Road tip. As mentioned in previous Reports, the rented area available to the Council was fast becoming filled. There are very few suitable sites in the rural area and such as exist are limited in potential, remote, or would not be looked on with favour by the Planning Authority. The difficulties were finally resolved by negotiation with the owner of the land at Yafforth Road by which the Council were able to purchase from him some 12 acres of land (including the present tip.) The Council should have no difficulties for many years to come ; such land as they require for current tipping requirements is readily available, and the remainder is let at an annual rental for agricultural purposes.

The following Table give details of the service during the year :—

Refuse Collections.

Karrier C.K. 3 (DPY 293) (3 Man Crew).

Parish	Emptied			
	Bins	Pans	Ashpits	
Ainderby Steeple ..	2,360	1,785	56	
Borrowby ..	1,341	895	—	
Brompton ..	10,532	2,636	121	
Danby Wiske ..	660	825	19	Total hours worked by crew 6,546
Great Langton ..	1,167	803	32	
Kiplin ..	274	48	2	
Little Danby ..	390	—	—	Total number of loads 628
Morton-on-Swale ..	1,565	1,500	27	
Romanby ..	25,180	138	25	
Thornton-le-Beans ..	282	269	—	Total Mileage 6,066
Thrintoft ..	323	300	39	
Warlaby ..	339	15	—	
Whitwell ..	146	4	5	
Yafforth ..	463	367	—	
	45,022	9,585	326	

Karrier C.K. 3 (HPY 445) (3 Man Crew).

Parish	Emptied			
	Bins	Pans	Ashpits	
Ainderby Steeple ..	—	—	—	
Appleton Wiske ..	1,150	854	144	
Brompton ..	11,453	130	24	
Borrowby ..	—	—	79	
Deighton ..	299	295	—	
East Harlsey ..	1,168	592	37	Total hours worked by crew 6,640
East Cowton ..	785	894	145	
Hornby ..	111	323	80	
Hutton Bonville ..	206	60	7	Total number of loads 546
Morton-on-Swale ..	—	—	—	
Osmotherley ..	5,275	263	39	
Romanby ..	15,458	199	—	Total Mileage 8,788
Smeaton Great ..	723	222	80	
Silton, Nether ..	466	436	19	
Silton, Over ..	237	42	8	
Thornton-le-Beans ..	—	—	34	
Welbury ..	902	907	29	
West Rounton ..	266	311	76	
	38,499	5,528	801	

Food Hygiene Regulations.

The following is a list of food premises in the District :—

General Provisions	30
Confectioners	4
Butchers	7
Bakers	2
Greengrocers	1
Cafes	3
Fried Fish Shops	4
Dried Milk Factory	1
Cold Store	1
	53

Premises registered for the sale of ice cream :—

General Provisions	11
Confectioners	4
Cafes	2
	17

There are no ice cream manufacturers in the area.

70 inspections were made and conditions generally were found to be good. 13 informal notices were served and complied with by the proprietors.

There are 27 inns or public houses within the area and the majority of these have now been brought up to the necessary standard.

Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspections.

5 privately owned slaughterhouses are leased to the Council, the occupiers being the managers thereof. Scales of charges for the use of the slaughterhouses and services provided therein have been fixed by the Council.

The slaughterhouses are situate at :—

Brompton
Danby Wiske
Morton-on-Swale
Great Smeaton
West Rounton

During the year, 370 visits were made to slaughterhouses. The following Table gives details of carcases and offals inspected and condemned.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part of Year ending 1958.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed ..	480	5	2	1,132	551	Nil
Number inspected ..	480	5	2	1,132	551	Nil
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcase condemned ..	Nil	2	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned ..	10	Nil	Nil	5	7	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ..	2·08%	40%	—	·44%	1·45%	Nil
Tuberculosis only.						
Whole carcases condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned ..	1	1	Nil	Nil	3	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis ..	·20%	20%	—	—	·54%	—
Cysticercosis.						
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The total weight of meat and offal condemned was 13 cwt. 2 sts. In addition, 159 tins of food (mainly corned beef) were condemned—principally at The Cold Store, Romanby—the total weight being 7 cwts. 67 lbs.

All condemned meat is stained and removed to the premises of approved firms for rendering and the recovery of non-edible fats and oils.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The most outstanding problem in the field of environmental sanitation now facing the Council is the absence of proper sewerage and sewage treatment facilities in the great majority of villages throughout the area. This is a problem to which your Medical Officer of Health annually draws attention. Since the advent of the District Water Scheme, there has been a steadily-growing discharge of sullage or sewage to streams and water courses and it is imperative that sewage-treatment works should be secured for every village at the earliest opportunity.

It is expected that the village of Appleton Wiske will shortly be re-sewered and possess a modern sewage works, and the Council have ordered that schemes be prepared for the villages of Ainderby Steeple, Morton-on-Swale, Borrowby, East Cowton and Great Smeaton. The village of Nether Silton is being re-sewered by stages.

Other villages to which the Council should constantly direct their attention are—Danby Wiske, Deighton, East Harlsey, Great Langton, West Rounton, Thrintoft, Thimbleby, Thornton-le-Beans, Welbury and Yafforth. The Council might seriously consider including Thrintoft in the combined scheme for Ainderby Steeple and Morton-on-Swale.

The Council possess a small portable cesspool emtying appliance and settling tanks in the villages are cleaned out twice yearly or, in some cases, more frequently if circumstances warrant. In addition, private septic tanks are cleaned out on request and for which a charge is made. During the year, 14 private tanks received attention involving 44½ working hours. The sum recovered was £61 5s. 4d. The appliance was also hired to a building contractor for an aggregate of 39½ hours at a charge of £23 6s. 10d. 38 village settling tanks were cleansed on two occasions during the year.

The following table shows details of new sewers laid during 1958.

Parish	Lin. Yards	Diam.
Brompton	131	6 ins.
Nether Silton ..	133	6 ins.

Closet Conversions.

During the year, the following water closets were provided by way of conversions :—

Parish	No.
Ainderby Steeple	4
Appleton Wiske	1
Borrowby	3
Brompton	26
Crosby	1
Danby Wiske	1
East Cowton	1
Great Smeaton	2
Hornby	1
Hutton Bonville	2
Lazenby	1
Morton-on-Swale	1
Osmotherley	3
Romanby	4
Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe	2
Thrintoft	2
West Harlsey	1
	56

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There is none within the rural area to which the public have access. During the year, a private pool was constructed at a residential property in Osmotherley. The water is obtained from a private well and is filtered and chlorinated.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation of the support which is given to me by members of the Council and my fellow Officials.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. TEMPLEMAN.

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